

To,

The Hon^o: Members of the County Court
of Beaver County Utah Territory.

Gentlemen:

Your Petitioners, Willson G. Norcross
and James Low beg leave to state to your
Honorable Body in behalf of themselves and
others whose names are hereunto subscribed
that on about the 6th day of February A.D.
1856, ^{themselves} in company with several other persons
~~your petitioners~~^{first} settled in this "Beaver Valley"
and commenced erecting for themselves homes and
making farms by locating and constructing
water ditches and dams and diverting the water
of the Beaver River and other streams of water
and consequently means of ditches ~~the same water~~
from their natural channels on to the desert lands
of this valley preparatory to making this valley their
permanent abode: and that, in the latter part of the
year A.D. 1858, your petitioners made claim of
certain land, and applied to the County Surveyor of Beaver
County in accordance with the laws then in
force for a survey of the land comprising the
South Field, "The U.S. Patent to which has
subsequently been secured to your petitioners," a record of
which local survey is to be found in the report
of your Committee on Dales and Claims of
water filed in your hon^o Board during the
present term for the purpose of becoming a

part of the Records thereof

Your petitioners beg leave to further state that during the Month of April A.D. 1859, a water ditch and dam was constructed to and across the Creek known as South Creek, near where the Military Road crosses said Creek and the entire volume of water of said creek was then diverted from its natural channel and used for Irrigating the land of the South Field and has been so used by said petitioners each succeeding year to the present A.D. 1880,

Your petitioners beg leave to further represent that soon after the completion of the beforenamed ditch and dam it was discovered that the water of said South Creek would inevitably be insufficient to mature the growing crops then unmatured; when an extension was made to the ditch already in use by which the water of the Spring Branch then unclaimed was also diverted from its course and used in connection with that of the South Creek, all of which was insufficient to supply the necessary amount for cultivating successfully the lands heretofore mentioned and furthermore this ditch was extended to the Beaver River and a portion "to wit about one ninth of the water thereof was diverted from its natural course.

by placing a dam ~~so deep~~^{across said} River and con-
ducting the water of the River ~~together~~^{with that}
before mentioned using the natural channel
of the Spring Branch as part of the conduit
for the water of the River all of which
water is at the present time required and
used for irrigating the land of said South
Field amounting to about 345 Acres, Thus
the ditches herein referred to ~~in~~^{have a} direction and course
doe as follows commencing at the forks of said
ditch near the S. E. corner of the ^{U.S.} Survey
on the Sectional Plat of the ~~Government~~^{Survey}
as the S. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 28. T. 29. S. R. T.
W. of S. L. Meridian, the south fork of the
ditch taking a southeasterly course to the south
creek, the dam and head of said ditch is
located near where Military Road crosses the
said Creek. The North fork of said ditch taking
across the S. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 28.
a Northeasterly course to the Spring Branch, the
connection and dam is located at a point in
said Spring Branch where a continuation of
Main Street of Beaver City intercepts and crosses
said Branch. The channel of said spring branch
is then used extending East and Northeast
across Section 27 and the S. E. corner of Section
22, and connector with the Beaver River on
Section 19. of Township 28 where the head
of the ditch and dam is located on the Reserve
of Fort Cameron.

Your Petitioners would therefore Most Respectfully ask, if not inconsistent with the power and authority of your Hon^e Body to enter of Record such order of the Court as will insure to your Petitioners their right in relation to their Claims of Water heretofore acquired as set forth in the foregoing ~~representation~~^{stipulation} of Facts, and grant and Confirm to your Petitioners their Acquired rights to use their rightful proportion of the water of Beaver River to wit about one ninth part thereof in connection with the Water of the Spring Branch and South Creek with the entire controll and distribution of said water to be under the immediate ~~superior jurisdiction~~ of the said Wilson G. Powers and James Lov^{and others} for their own sole use and benefit and that of their grantees and assigns and your Petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.

Beaver City Utah

May 1st 1880

Signed W. G. Powers